STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
THE BOWDLE PIONEER		09/26/02
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
WEEKLY	52	$23 Inside SD $25 Outside SD

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)
3039 MAIN ST, BOX 368, BOWDLE, EDMUNDS COUNTY, SD 57428-0368

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)
3039 MAIN ST, BOX 368, BOWDLE, EDMUNDS COUNTY, SD 57428-0368

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:
MARY LOU GAUER

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
MARY LOU GAUER	BOX 368, BOWDLE, SD 57428-0368

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	700	700
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	45	45
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	578	581
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	623	626
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	6	5
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	0	0
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	629	631
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	71	69
2. Return from News Agents	0	0
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	700	700

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

Mary Lou Gauer Publisher

State of South Dakota)
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County of Edmunds)

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Sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 2002

Notary Public

My commission expires May 3, 2004

JOHN G. THURN
Notary Public, South Dakota
My Commission Expires May 3, 2004

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